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news release

COLONIAS FUNDING

For Immediate Release, Wednesday, 24 September 1992

WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza today made the following statement on the floor of the House in connection with an amendment to the Water Resources Development Act.

"Mr Chairman, I rise in support of the amendment authorizing the necessary funding to the Secretary of the Army and the Army Corps of Engineers to provide the planning, design, construction and other assistance to install and improve water and wastewater services to the colonias along the U S - Mexico border. This amendment brings another segment of our government resources into the picture to help address this very important issue.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of the Appropriations Committee who supported my request for a \$25 million appropriation for colonia water services in the agriculture appropriations conference report that has been signed into law.

"This USDA funding will -- for the first time -- provide grant assistance through the Rural Development Administration to help low-income residents of the colonias afford the hook-up costs involved in connecting water lines to their homes.

"I also understand that conferees on the VA-HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations reached agreement yesterday to earmark \$50 million in EPA funding for colonia projects. Again, this is a funding request that I supported and I applaud the conferees' action.

"Taken together, the USDA funding, the EPA funding and the authority provided under this amendment will help bring clean drinking water and adequate wastewater services to tens of thousands of poor people who live on the U S side of the border. As a member of Congress who represents thousands of colonia residents, I want my colleagues to know my heartfelt appreciation for their support in our fight to improve living conditions for people living in the colonias."

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